

(h) Activities designed to assist students currently enrolled in two-year institutions in securing admission and financial assistance for enrollment in a four-year program of postsecondary education.

(i) Mentoring programs involving faculty or upper class students, or any combination of faculty members and upper class students.

(j) Programs and activities as described in paragraphs (a) through (i) of this section that are specifically designed for students of limited English proficiency.

(k) Other activities designed to meet the purposes of the Student Support Services Program stated in § 646.1.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a-14)

#### § 646.5 How long is a project period?

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, a project period under the Student Support Services Program is four years.

(b) The Secretary approves a project period of five years for applicants that score in the highest ten percent of all applicants approved for new grants under the criteria in § 646.21.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a-11)

#### § 646.6 What regulations apply?

The following regulations apply to the Student Support Services Program:

(a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 82, 85 and 86.

(b) The regulations in this part 646.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a-11 and 1070a-14)

#### § 646.7 What definitions apply?

(a) *Definitions in the Act.* The following terms used in this part are defined in sections 402(A)(g), 481, or 1201(a) of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, as amended:

First generation college student  
Institution of higher education  
Low-income individual

(b) *Definitions in EDGAR.* The following terms used in this part are defined in 34 CFR 77.1:

Applicant  
Application  
Award

Budget  
Budget Period  
Department  
EDGAR  
Equipment  
Facilities  
Fiscal year  
Grant  
Grant Period  
Grantee  
Project  
Project period  
Public  
Secretary  
Supplies

(c) *Other definitions.* The following definitions also apply to this part:

*Academic need* with reference to a student means a student whom the grantee determines needs one or more of the services stated under § 646.4 to succeed in a postsecondary educational program.

*Combination of institutions of higher education* means two or more institutions of higher education that have entered into a cooperative agreement for the purpose of carrying out a common objective, or an entity designated or created by a group of institutions of higher education for the purpose of carrying out a common objective on their behalf.

*Different Campus* means an institutional site that is geographically apart from and independent of the main campus of the institution. The Secretary considers a location of an institution to be independent of the main campus if the location—

- (1) Is permanent in nature;
- (2) Offers courses in educational programs leading to a degree, certificate, or other recognized educational credential;
- (3) Has its own faculty and administrative or supervisory organization; and
- (4) Has its own budgetary and hiring authority.

*Different population of participants* means a group of—

- (1) Low-income, first-generation college students; or
- (2) Disabled students.

*Individual with disabilities* means a person who has a diagnosed physical or mental impairment that substantially limits that person's ability to participate in the educational experiences and